



# WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS

OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
110 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 215  
P.O. Box 1688  
MADISON, WISCONSIN 53701-1688

Diane M. Fremgen  
Clerk of Court of Appeals

Telephone (608) 266-1880  
Facsimile (608) 267-0640  
Web Site: [www.wicourts.gov](http://www.wicourts.gov)

RICHARD S. BROWN  
Chief Judge

## WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### April 2015

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of April 2015 and to date for the year that began on January 1, 2015.

#### Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 84 opinions, 79 summary dispositions, and 67 other written decisions in April. Opinions include three-judge and one-judge authored opinions and per curiam opinions. Summary dispositions include opinions issued in the form of a court order after the court has reviewed the briefs and the record and, generally, following a screening and decision conference. Other written decisions include memorandum opinions, which are issued in the form of a court order prior to a screening and decision conference, and miscellaneous orders terminating cases (e.g., voluntary dismissals and stipulations to dismiss). The breakdown by district and type of disposition is as follows:

<u>April 2015</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated .....	<u>43</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>230</u>
Opinion - Civil .....	9	13	14	14	50
Opinion - Criminal .....	5	16	4	9	34
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	1	21	0	5	27
Sum. Disp. - Criminal .....	15	18	16	3	52
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	6	8	8	14	36
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	3	9	3	4	19
Other - Civil .....	3	4	2	2	11
Other - Criminal .....	1	0	0	0	1

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 342 opinions, 295 summary dispositions, and 439 other written decisions.

<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated .....	<u>223</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>1076</u>
Opinion - Civil .....	49	52	35	62	198
Opinion - Criminal .....	45	35	30	34	144
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	14	44	7	33	98
Sum. Disp. - Criminal .....	45	55	51	46	197
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	36	42	38	56	172
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	12	33	19	16	80
Other - Civil .....	16	12	12	137	177
Other - Criminal .....	6	3	0	1	10

### Appeals Filed

A total of 216 appeals were filed during the month. An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court.

<u>April 2015</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed .....	<u>57</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>216</u>
Civil.....	29	25	28	30	112
Criminal .....	28	29	19	28	104

So far this year, a total of 841 appeals have been filed.

<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed .....	<u>226</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>841</u>
Civil.....	114	99	105	117	435
Criminal .....	112	128	79	87	406

### Appeals Pending

As of the end of the month, a total of 1891 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Pending .....	<u>544</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>1891</u>
Civil.....	226	176	212	261	875
Criminal .....	318	245	204	249	1016

### Petitions for Supervisory Writ

The Court of Appeals received 10 and disposed of 11 petitions for supervisory writ during the month. A petition for supervisory writ asks the Court of Appeals to order the circuit court to take a certain action in a case.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sup. Writs Filed.....	4	2	2	2	10
Sup. Writs Terminated .....	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>
Granted.....	0	0	0	0	0
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	4	0	1	6	11
Sup. Writs Pending.....	24	6	5	10	45

### Petitions for Leave to Appeal

The Court of Appeals received 6 and disposed of 11 petitions for leave to appeal during the month. A petition for leave to appeal asks the Court of Appeals to invoke its discretionary jurisdiction and accept the appeal of a case in which a final order has not been issued.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leave to Appeal Petitions Filed .....	1	1	1	3	6
Leave to Appeal Petitions Terminated .....	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>
Granted.....	1	2	1	0	4
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	1	1	2	3	7
Leave to Appeal Petitions Pending.....	3	1	3	2	9

### Petitions for Review, Petitions for Bypass, and Certifications to the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court received 71 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, 1 petition to bypass the Court of Appeals, and 1 request for certification. In a petition for bypass, a party requests that the Supreme Court take jurisdiction of an appeal or other proceeding pending in the Court of Appeals. In a request for certification, the Court of Appeals asks the Supreme Court to exercise its appellate jurisdiction before the Court of Appeals hears the matter.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Petitions for Review Filed.....	<u>19</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>71</u>
Civil.....	11	17	1	10	39
Criminal .....	8	8	8	8	32
Petitions for Bypass Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil.....	0	0	1	0	1
Criminal .....	0	0	0	0	0
Certifications Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil.....	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal .....	0	1	0	0	1